

CLAIMS

- 1        1. A method of displaying data from a database onto a page, comprising the steps  
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4        providing in said database a view having data therein;  
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6        providing in said database a configuration document describing characteristics of  
7        said page;  
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9        providing in said database a form for reading said configuration document, for  
10      retrieving data from said view, and for placing said data on said page as described  
11      in said configuration document;  
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13      forming a page address from the names of said database and said form; and  
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15      selecting said page address to display said data on said page.
- 1        2. A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a key  
2        for locating the configuration documents.
- 1        3. A method according to Claim 2, further comprising the step of accessing said  
2        page, and wherein the step of providing the key includes the step of providing the  
3        key when the page is accessed.
- 1        4. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the view includes a multitude of data  
2        sets and the configuration document includes a multitude of instruction sets for  
3        displaying data on the page, and further including the steps of selecting one of the  
4        data sets and one of the instruction sets, and displaying the selected data set on  
5        said page in accordance with the selected instruction set.

1       5. A method according to Claim 4, wherein the data sets and the instruction sets  
2       are listed on the form, and the step of selecting one of the data sets and one of the  
3       instruction sets includes the step of identifying on the form the selected data sets  
4       and the selected instruction sets.

1       6. A system for displaying data from a database onto a page, comprising:  
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3       a database including a view having data therein; a configuration document  
4       describing characteristics of said page; and a form for reading said configuration  
5       document, for retrieving data from said view, and for placing said data on said  
6       page as described in said configuration document;

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8       means for forming a page address from the names of said database and said form;  
9       and  
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11      means for selecting said page address to display said data on said page.

1       7. A system according to Claim 6, further comprising means for providing a key  
2       for locating the configuration documents.

1       8. A system according to Claim 7, further comprising means for accessing said  
2       page, and wherein the means for providing the key includes means for providing  
3       the key when the page is accessed.

1       9. A system according to Claim 6, wherein the view includes a multitude of data  
2       sets and the configuration document includes a multitude of instruction sets for  
3       displaying data on the page, and further including means for selecting one of the  
4       data sets and one of the instruction sets, and means for displaying the selected data  
5       set on said page in accordance with the selected instruction set.

1       10. A system according to Claim 9, wherein the data sets and the instruction sets  
2       are listed on the form, and the means for selecting one of the data sets and one of  
3       the instruction sets includes the step of identifying on the form the selected data  
4       sets and the selected instruction sets.

1       11. A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a  
2       program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for  
3       displaying data from a database onto a page, said method steps comprising:

4                 providing in said database a view having data therein;

5                 providing in said database a configuration document describing characteristics of  
6                 said page;

7                 providing in said database a form for reading said configuration document, for  
8                 retrieving data from said view, and for placing said data on said page as described  
9                 in said configuration document;

10                 forming a page address from the names of said database and said form; and

11                 selecting said page address to display said data on said page.

12       12. A program storage device according to Claim 11, further comprising the step  
13       of providing a key for locating the configuration documents.

14       13. A program storage device according to Claim 12, further comprising the step  
15       of accessing said page, and wherein the step of providing the key includes the step  
16       of providing the key when the page is accessed.

17       14. A program storage device according to Claim 11, wherein the view includes a  
18       multitude of data sets and the configuration document includes a multitude of

3 instruction sets for displaying data on the page, and further including the steps of  
4 selecting one of the data sets and one of the instruction sets, and displaying the  
5 selected data set on said page in accordance with the selected instruction set.

1 15. A program storage device according to Claim 14, wherein the data sets and the  
2 instruction sets are listed on the form, and the step of selecting one of the data sets  
3 and one of the instruction sets includes the step of identifying on the form the  
4 selected data sets and the selected instruction sets.